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CHICAGO-AREA MAN CHARGED WITH TRAVELING TO MEET MINOR FOR SEX

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Samuel T. Henzel, 29, Oak Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, was formally charged with travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct, following an investigation by Department of Homeland Security Investigations, the Westfield Police Department, the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force and the Carmel Police Department.

The information alleges that Henzel traveled from his residence in Oak Park, Ill., to Westfield, Ind., in order to meet with a 12 year old minor female and engage in sexual activity. Henzel was previously charged by criminal complaint; an information is a more formal charging document.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Henzel faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled in Indianapolis before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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